THE CUBAN SITUATION.

TRIAL OF LUIS SOMEILLAN.

PROSECUTING ATTORNEY URGES THAT THERE IS A MORAL CONVICTION OF HIS GUILT, IF NOTHING ELSE.

Jan. 2.-The trial of Luis Someillan, a na. Jan. 9.—The trial of Luis Someilan, a lized American citizen, who is charged with ing against the Spanish Government, was ied at 1 o'clock this afternoon. Official du-yrented Consul-General Lee from being presut he sent a representative to watch the pre-ies in the interest of the prisoner. It the witnesses had ended their testimony,

contained nothing material to support the are against the prisoner, the prosecuting attor-

He said he despised those citizens of the United sites who had enrolled themselves under the flag ing themselves in their crimes against a Power with which the United were friendly. He declared that if the macharges against Somellian had not bee rly proved there was a moral conviction that was guilty, and was therefore deserving of be-ms imprisoned for life. With much vehemence he

ing imprisoned for life. With much vehemence he issed the judges to remember Spain's honor above all other considerations, and to decide the case accepting to their convictions. The court then adjourned until Monday, when the court that Domingo de la Garra, a Mexican The report that Domingo de la Garra, a Mexican The report that Domingo de la Garra, a Mexican Guanhacoa on the occasion of the demonstration of the occasion of the occasion of the demonstration of the occasion of t

REWARDED BY THE QUEEN REGENT. WE CORRESPONDENT OF A NEW-YORK PAPER DECORATED.

Havana, Jon. 9.—The Queen Regent has conferred an Don Prudencio Rabell, a prominent Reform-the title of Marques Rabell. She has also conthe Great Cross for Naval Merit upon the gred the Great Cross for Naval Merit and Mayor of Havana, Don Antonio Quesada; the Great Cross for Military Merit upon Don José Maria Galver, chairman of the Autonomist party, and the white Cross for Military Merit upon the correspondent of a certain New-York newspaper, whose dispatches, always favorable to the Spanish cause, have created a decided impression in his favoramong the Spanish officials.

PRESIDENT ROBERTS NOT TO RETIRE.

THE REPORT DENIED AT THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD OFFICES IN PHILADELPHIA.

Philadelphia, Jan. 9.—The report that President George B. Roberts, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, would decline a re-election, was denied to-day at the offices of the company. President Roberts has the offices of the company. President Roberts has been ill for about four months, and in that time has not left his home in Bala, a suburb of this city. The reports received daily at the company's offices tend to show that he is slowly gaining strength, and the officials expect that their chief

of the president's assistants said this after-One of the president's assistants said this afternoon: "Mr. Roberts has never intimated that he
would decline to serve again, much less express an
absolute intention to lay lown the reins of office.
Nor has he ever authorized any person to say that
he had any such intention. The rumor is absolutehy without foundation, and I want you to make this
denial as strong as you possibly can."

A BOYS' CAMP RAIDED.

OLICEMEN BREAK INTO THE RUDE SHANTY OF TWELVE YOUNGSTERS IN A VACANT LOT. A veritable boys' camp was raided last night and urchins of the street, including a postal tele-

graph boy in uniform, and a colored boy, were captured and taken to the Oak-st. station.

Recently a high board fence was erected around the lot at Frankfort and William sts., and since that time a number of boys have been noticed dimbing over the fence by the aid of a convenient artent in Frankfort-st. They were never most duntil last night, when Policeman John Murthern around curling in the air justify the corrections. by saw smoke curling in the air inside the corner of the enclosure. Summoning another policeman and a citizen to watch the outlets, Murphy scaled fence. In the corner was a rough board my, about fifteen feet square, and nearly six high. Its door was of sheet-iron, and a piece rosty stovepipe, which protruded through the f, told him where the smoke came from.

ich greeted the policeman's ears as he tore open the door of the shanty. Then a dozen boys tumbled all over each other in the stampede which followed. Half of them got away, but five of them who climbed over into Frankfort-st., near the east send of the fence, were caught by the other policemen and clitzens as they dropped. The sixth boy stopped long enough to try to carry away a big washbolier, and, though he was also arrested, he was later released by the sergeant.

The urchins had fitted up a regular bunkhouse, where they had slept for weeks. Their stove was made from an old milkcan. Last evening they stole a gas-stove from the basement of a building across the street, thinking it was a kerosene oilstove. When they discovered their mistake, three boys took the stove away to sell.

The prisoners are Edward Haskins, seventeen years old (colored), of No. 3 Stone-st.; James Martin, fourteen, of No. 19 City Hall Place; "Danny" Fair sixeen, of No. 65 Catharine-st., who wore a new uniform of a PostalTelegraph boy, and James Brennan, thirteen, of No. 15 Madison-st. The three younger boys were sent to the Gerry society, and the others were locked up, charged with disorderly conduct.

PRICE OF GAS LIKELY TO GO DOWN. The agitation in favor of legislation to decrease the price of illuminating gas in this city has beome so extensive that there is no reason to doubt that a bill to meet the public demand will be passed, particularly as the Legislature will soon have before it bills to decrease the price of gas to to increase that the present price of gas in this diy, \$1.25 a thousand feet, is outrageously high in tiew of the facilities and the combination of the gas companies. Experience in several other cities of the United States has shown that in those diles, with much poorer facilities for making gas the great the gas manufacturers have been able

at a profit, the gas manufacturers have been able to supply gas of the standard candle power and purity with profit at \$1. Consumers in this city have had their attention called to the subject lately by the December gas allis, and many of them have reason to bemoan the work of the meter which always registers in the interest of the company. House-owners who had tried electric light have declared that they have to pay enormous prices also, and unless people can have their own electric plants they seem to be at the mercy of the electric companies or the gas companies.

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TLEGRAPHIC NOTES.

Toledo, Onio, Jan. 9.—An English syndicate is re-ported to have secured an option on the six brew-erles here. The aggregate capital of the six is over a million dollars.

Janesville Wis., Jan. 9.—Herman Stimm shot and killed his wife and son last night and then-committed Skidle. Family troubles and a divorce suit caused tragedy.

St. Louis, Jan. 9.—In fear of becoming penniless and helpless, Henry Stone, sixty-five years of age, formerly a member of the Merchants' Exchange, suded his life yesterday by taking a dose of polson. Sione, who had lived in St. Louis about forty years, was at one time worth \$100,000, which he made dealing in grain. He had a wife in Michigan and a sister in Rochester, N. Y.

Fond du Lac, Wis., Jan. 9.—Lacking the courage to face the exposure of his appropriation of county funds, ex-County Clerk Owen Ferguson attempted to commit suicide yesterday by shooting himself, and there is no chance of his recovery. His accounts are said to be short about \$700.

Albany, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Susan Rosner, aged eight. Pears, was struck by the Montreal express train on the Deinware and Hudson Railroad entering this city at 5:40 to-night, and her body was horribly mangled. She was coming from the danal, where she had been watching the skaters, and was struck just as she stepped upon the track which runs by the side of the canal.

For Worth, Tex., Jan. 2.—A disastrous collision secured on the Santa Fe, fifteen miles north of see, early this morning. Two freight trains came early this morning to the eaginess and suling Engineer Haggerty and Brakeman Matshell. Both were married. Several head of cattle and a number of hogs were killed. The southbound train and orders to take a sidetrack at Haslett, but disolayed them.

Beffalo, N. Y., Jan. 2.—Roscoe Conkling Findley, Tax Collector for the town of Mina, Chautauqua Conity, was arrested here to-day for embessiement and arson. Findley was short in his tax actions, and, to cover up his peculations, concocted a story that he had been attacked and robbed and his barn fired, himself being placed therein, to twee up the crime. Suspicion became aroused, and findley was brought to this city, where, under a conse-examination, he convicted himself and finally confessed. The shortage amounts to \$600.

agara Falls, N. Y., Jan. 9.—Gladys Chapman, ny-two years old, a diamond thief, from Clevel-was affrested here to-day under instructions the Cleveland police. She is a fine-looking woman, and passed under the name of Jestwille while here. There was a reward of \$50 and for her arrest.

A STORM IN MID-ATLANTIC PROBABLY DE-LAYING BOTH. The big liner Paris, of the American Line, and

the Cunarder Lucania are somewhat behind sched-ule time. Neither vessel had been sighted up to midnight last night, but there is no cause for anxlety as to their safety.

The Lucania's departure from Queenstown on Sunday last was delayed several hours on account of a storm, the easterly end of which had just reached the Irish coast. Her sister ship, the Campania, evidently had the storm with her for some time, as she was about twenty hours late at Queens-town on her eastern voyage, and, owing to the severity of the weather, was unable, last evening, to land her mails and passengers there.

It is probable that the storm into which the Lucania put her nose when she passed Daunt's Rock covered a large area.

Rock covered a large area, even to the westward of that point in the ocean steamer track where the Bouthampton liners come on to the westward course of the Liverpool and Queenstown vessels.

The fact that the American liner is over a day behind her customary time indicates that probably she too has encountered the storm which appears to be holding the Lucania back.

FEARS FOR A BARK'S SAFETY. THE LORD DUFFERIN THIRTY DAYS OVERDUE, BUT HER AGENT HOPEFUL-TWO OTHER

Fears are entertained among shipping agents for the safety of the British bark Lard Dufferin, which to-day is ninety-four days out, and thirty-six days overdue at this port, from Montevideo. The bark was reinsured in London yesterday by the underwriters, but her agent, John R. Livermore, believes hat the vessel is still affoat, in spite of her delay in reaching port. The Dufferin carries a crew of thirty men. Mrs. Roberts, the wife of her commander, was at Mr. Livermore's office yesterday inquiring for news of the missing craft, but she, too, believes that her husband and his vessel are bravely struggling against the elements somewhere out on the Atlantic.

Mr. Livermore bases his belief in the safety of the bark on the arrival early yesterday morning of two long-overdue sailing vessels, both of which were consigned to him. One of these is the British ship Macduff, commanded by Captain Huelin, which arrived from Rio Janeiro after a voyage of eightyeight days. Until she made Delaware Breakwater, was not spoken or sighted by a single vessel. The was not spoken or signed by a single vessel. Inother missing vessel which turned up yesterday
was the British bark Heathbank, commanded by
Captain McKechnie, and 132 days out from Manila.
The voyage from Manila usually takes 115 days, and
the Heathbank was therefore at least sixty-seven
days overdue when she reached port.

The Lord Dufferin is a comparatively new vessel,
built of steel. She carries four masts, and is of
2,266 tons burden. She left Montevideo with 1,250
tons of sand ballast, secured by shifting boards.

PROTESTING AGAINST THE SITE.

A MASS-MEETING IN HARLEM TO OPPOSE THE ERECTION OF A SCHOOLHOUSE IN ONE-HUNDRED-AND-TWEN-TY-NINTH-ST.

Property-owners in Harlem are manifesting great opposition to the selection of a site for a school building in One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st., west of Fifth-ave. A mass-meeting was held last evening in the basement of St. Andrew's Protestant Episcopal Church, et Fifth-ave, and One-hundredlection by the School Board, and resolutions were passed, to be sent to the Board of Education, the Controller and the Corporation Counsel, request-ing that the proposed school building be erected in the more thickly settled districts on the East Bide of the city. There were fully 300 representative men and women present at the meeting, which was presided over by Henry C. Robinson. which was presided over by henry c. Robinson. Seated with him on the platform were Postmaster Charles W. Dayton, Jordan L. Mott, Henry H. Brown, George C. Lay, Robert Mook, the Rev. Dr. George R. Van De Water and the Rev. Dr. Charles J. Young. Addresses were made by the Rev. Dr. Van De Water, Mr. Lay, the Rev. Dr. Young, Postmaster Dayton and Henry C. Robin-

Mr. Lay illustrated his address with a chart, showing the districts immediately surrounding the one in which it is now proposed to build a school, and the greater need of other districts for such school facilities. The Rev. Dr. Young made a speech, in which he asserted that the erection of the school building would irreparably damage the churches in the neighborhood and bring about a decline in the value of property. Postmaster Day-ton said that the School Board had made a great mistake in the choice of a school site. He had site was that the Board supposed that the Astors had agreed to sell the condemned property for \$160,000. This, however, was a mistake, as the Astors were unwilling to sell.

The resolutions declare that the selection of a site Astors were unwilling to sein.

The resolutions declare that the selection of a site for a public school west of Fifth-ave., at One-hundred-and-twenty-ninth-st, would greatly depreciate the value of the surrounding property in a strictly private residential neighborhood, where land is held at high figures. It is declared that the site is far from the centre of the school population, while there are several other convenient sites which can be obtained at lower cost. A protest is made against "reckless extravagance" in the purchase of a \$200,000 site. The resolutions declare that the vacant land to the north of Grammar School No. 89, at Lenox-ave, and One-hundred-and-thirty-fourth-st, a plot 100 by 125 feet, should be utilized to double the capacity of that school, which is in the centre of the school population, and that a site should be selected for another school in One-hundred-and-twenty-sixth-st., near Lexingten-ave, such a site being obtained for a site of the Fifth-ave, site. An appeal is made in the resolutions to the Board of Education not to defy public sentiment in the selection of school sites or compel children to walk long distances to achool, but to reconsider the plan of buying the Fifth-ave, site.

DROVE OFF WITH AN EXPRESS WAGON.

A DARING THIEF STEALS A CASE OF CIGARS FROM AN OLD SOLDIER-THE LATTER'S HARD LUCK.

It may cost Charles D. Hanson, a veteran of the Civil War, and a member of the New-York State Militia, just \$200 a minute for the two minutes he left his express wagon unguarded in front of No. 481 Broadway yesterday afternoon. In that brief period the whole outfit was stolen, including a case of cigars valued at \$400. Last night the wagon was found in front of No. 7 New-Chambers-st., by Policeman Edward Kennedy, who drove it to the Oak-st. sta-

Hanson found it there after searching the city for eight hours, but the case of cigars was missing. He was much downcast at the prospect of having to pay for the loss of the goods. From his story, it appears that a gang of thieves had been on his trail for years, and were determined to ruin him. Two years ago his rig was stolen from the same place, and it cost him \$209 to square accounts with a mer-chant whose goods were stolen and secreted before

the wagon was recovered. ne wagon was recovered. Less than a year ago, when the old soldier's wagon was standing at West Broadway and Franklin-st., a young man asked him to deliver a tub of butter he laid on the wagon at a place in Cherry-st. He said he would meet the expressman there. After he had gone, Hanson noticed that the marks on the lid of the tub had been scraped off recently and he suspected it had been stolen. An hour later he found the real

owner in a Greenwich-st. store.

In the mean time, by the aid of a Leonard-st. station policeman, the thief was run to cover at Chambers-st, and West Broadway, but he dropped a watch while running away, which the detective

a watch while running away, but he detective stopped to pick up, and the thief eshaped. Later that same day the bold thief, with a "pal," approached old Hansen, and, chiding him for not delivering the stolen butter, told him he would get square with him.

At 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon Hansen loaded a big case of cigar-cutters and a case of cigars on his wagon from the store of W. E. Parsons, fr. of No. 481 Broadway. Then he went in to get a sample trunk to ship for one of the salesmen. He said list night that he was not gone two minutes, and believed that the butter thief had been watching for an opportunity to drive off with his rig. Hansen is growing old, and is very deaf. He explained that business was too dull for him to afford the luxury of a wagon-boy. He served his time in the old 8th Regiment, New-York State Militia, and passed two years and eleven months in the Civil War in the 155th Regiment, New-York State Volunteers, being captain of Company H when the regiment disbanded. He lives at No. 107 West Broadway, where he has his little express office.

While the veteran was telling Bergeant McDonald of his hard luck at the Oak-st, station last night, Detective Henry Hahn became deeply interested in the ase, and, after getting all the information possible, went out to work it up, It is believed that the "Cherry Hill gang" stole the out-fit. The stolen case was marked: "C. H. Sager & Co., Auburn, N. Y." and was properly sealed and bound.

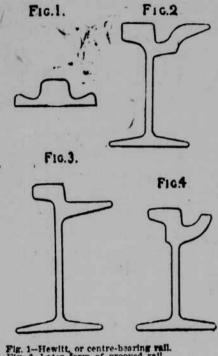
PILING THE TAXES ON YALE.

New-Haven., Conn., Jan. 9.-The town assessors to-day put Yale on the list for \$400,782 as liable to taxation. The University has heretofore returned only \$58,816. A long legal battle will probably grow out of this action.

STREETS OF A BIG CITY.

NEW-YORK HAS ADOPTED IT-ITS POINTS OF DIF-FERENCE FROM THE WRONG KIND

If it were possible for one to figure up the total annual loss to citizens of New-York by the wear, tear and breakage to bicycles and every kind of vehicle, caused by the tracks of the surface roads, the result would be a surprisingly large amount. Almost every one has seen some poor junkman lose a wheel while trying to drive his rickety cart across a cartrack at a sharp angle, and the wrenching and straining that a well-made wagon gets in crossing the average street railroad spokes break, or the axle bends, and repairs are necessary. Bicycles come in for their share of the



damage, and wise is the wheelman who keeps away from cartracks, or is, at least, careful to cross

them at right angles.
Engineers and mechanics long ago realized that there is nothing more foolish than to lay a fine pavement and then have the average street railroad put through it. Thus, with the improvements in paving that have been made in recent years, there has also come an advance in the matter of rails. The step from the old Hewitt, or centrebearing rail to the latest design of grooved rail is indeed a long one. This grooved rail was adopted by the Department of Public Works in 18%, and is ow the only rail that can be used in this city. It was used on the new Kingsbridge road, and a rail of this design is soon to be put down on the Fourth

and Sixth-ave, roads. The problems that confront the designer of a rail for surface roads in a large city are various and difficult of solution. A rail that is good in every other particular may cause an unevenness in the surface of the street. Another may be faulty in that it makes such an excellent wheelway for vehicles as seriously to interrupt the movements of the cars. Another may not "invite traffic," as the engineers say, but still is bad because a heavily loaded wagon, once on the track, has great difficulty in getting out. This was the defect in the old Hewitt rail. Drivers avoided it, but, on the other hand, it is the hardest kind of a track to get out of The perfect rail, then, must cause no unevenness get out of.

in the pavement, and not invite wagons to get into it, and, at the same time, be easy for them to leave. In addition to all this, it must be possible for wheel to cross it at any angle without danger of being wrenched and broken.

The Hewitt rail is what is known as a strap rail or

one laid along the top of a heavy timber. With the introduction of cable and trolley roads a heavier rail or girder rail, resting on ties, as in the case of steam railroads, came into use, and it is upon this general type that all the recent improvements have been made. The first form of ground rail was all right. except that the flange on the inside was not up to the level of the outside, and the slot was so narrow that there was great difficulty in keeping it clean.

What is known as the side-bearing rall has its su

porters, but its disadvantages are apparent. It makes an excellent wheelway, is very easy for a wagon to get into, and almost as hard to leave as the old Hewitt rail, on account of its nearly vertical sides. This rail has recently been laid on many of the

Brooklyn trolley roads.

A glance at the most improved grooved rail, the one adopted for all future use in this city, shows its many fine points. A rail is seemingly a simple thing, vet this new one proves that thought and no small mount of ingenuity have been necessary to its peramount of ingenuity have been necessary to its perfection. It is perfectly level across the top. The pavement comes flush with the top of the rail on either side, and it is a fact that people have driven across tracks made of these rails without knowing it, so slight is the obstruction encountered. The slot in this rail is too narrow to admit the wheel of a large wagon or truck. This means that there will be no more ruts worn in the pavement about a foot outside of a car track, made by the outer wheel of trucks going along with the inner wheel in one of the inside rails. A light carriage may get into the new track, but can get out just as easily, on account of the peculiar curve at the inner surface of the slot. Everybody has tried to put in a screw with the slot. Everybody has tried to put in a screw with the slot in the head a little bit worn, and has been exasperated by the way in which the screwdriver would insist on rising out of the slot without turning the screw a particle. That is just what happens in the new rail; the moment that a wagon makes the slightest turn, the wheel rises out of the slot. A wheel can cross this rail at any angle without danger, and the slot can be kept free from dirt without much trouble.

It would seem that this latest design is scarcely susceptible of improvement, but even if such is the case the men who have devoted their time and attention to the matter deserve a vote of thanks from every owner of a vehicle in this city. All new roads will probably decide to follow the example of the Fourth and Sixth ave. roads in introducing it. fection. It is perfectly level across the top. The

A MORTGAGE FOR TWENTY MILLIONS.

St. Louis, Jan 9.-The local representatives of the Commercial Cable Company, which owns the Mackay-Bennett system of cables, filed with the Recorder to-day a copy of a \$20,000,000 first mortgage upon the entire property of the company. The mortgage is given to the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, of New-York, and is on an issue of gold bonds bearing interest at 4 per cent.

WEATHER PREDICTIONS FOR DAKOTA. From The Minneapolis Journal.

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A reporter called Weather Observer Outram's attention to-day to the complaint of a North Dakota paper that the Department's predictions fall short of the limit of usefulness in North Dakota short of the limit of usefulness in North Dakota because they falied to predict the velocity of the wind. The tenor of the complaint was that a prediction, like this, "Colder; snow," means nothing to the averege flickertail, because he is accustomed to prefer snowballs to oranges, and uses cold waves for tonics; but if there is a bitzzard coming he wants to know it so he can be holed up until it is over. If the prediction said "colder; snow," wind forty miles an hour from the Northwest," the flickertail would govern himself accordingly.

Observer Outram says that there is apparently no reason why the Department cannot predict wind velocities in North Dakota if it chooses to do so. On the ocean coasts and on the great lakes such predictions are made, but it has not been customary to use them in niland regions. Mr. Outram has forwarded the Dakota editor's "kick" to Washington, a. d the Department may yet undertake to predict bitzzards in his State.

POWERFUL FOND O' CLAMS.

Prowerful Fond O' CLAMS.

From The Providence Journal.

There is a resident of Kent's Corners in the town of Scituate who is exceedingly fond of the succulent bivaive which has made Rhode Island so famous Last Sunday morning he placed a bag and a clam rake in a wheelbarrow, which he trundled down through the mud of Hope and the Valley villages to Riverpoint and thence via Apponaug to the frozen shores of Cowesett Bay.

The ice covered the bay, and the Scituate man was compelled to wheel his barrow along the beach almost to Warwick Light before he found a place where he could dig. His quest was successful however, for when he reached Phenix on his return journey the barrow contained a bag filled with a bushel of as nice, big, julcy clams as the digger averred he'd "ever sot eyes on."

He said he "didn't mind the tramp, the day was fine." He "wanted a mess o' clams and went and dug 'em; that wuz all."

Kent's Corners are some sixteen or seventeen miles from where the clams were dug, and the distance covered suggests that some folks in Scituate are "powerful fond o' clams."

Frank's Answer.—Miss Fosdick—Blanche told Frank that he must be either a man or a mouse. Miss Gazsam—What did he say?
Miss Fosdick—He asked if she were afraid of him. She replied that she wasn't. Then he said that if such was the case he must be a man.—(Judge.

CHURCH PEOPLE.

The Manhattan Congregational Church, established only three months ago, has just issued its first manual, containing more than fifty pages. The names and addresses of 120 charter members are published, showing how strong is the new organization. The manual contains several note-worthy features. It is new in separating the covewith the church, in the case of those joining the church, from their personal confession of Christ. It is new, also, in the article on the dis-mission of members and in the various organiza-tions, notably the council and the Women's Guild. The council consists of the pastor, the deacons and the chairman, or a chosen representative, of each department of the work of the church, including the trustees and three members of the church, elected for the purpose to serve for one year, who shall not be eligible for re-election until after an interval of one year. The council meets monthly to confer upon the general work of the church, aim-ing to increase its efficiency, to promote harmony in the working of its various departments, and to suggest such enlargement of its methods and aims suggest such enlargement of its methods and alms as shall secure its growth and usefulness. One of the articles of this new church could properly be incorporated into every church manual: "The church regards as integral parts of itself all organizations formed within it for the purpose of administration and which use the facilities of the church property. Of all such organizations the pastor has general oversight, and the church will expect a report from each at its annual meeting." The object of the Women's Guild, which includes every woman or girl uniting with the church and such other women and girls as may be interested in church work, is to train its members in Christian work, to promote their mutual acquaintance, and to build up the social and religious life of the church. In addition to this society there is a club for young men, which meets at the pastor's house the first Sunday evening of each month and once a month socially with the congregation. The members plan to welcome every young man and to help all to mutual acquaintance, and to give and to receive such good offices as may be useful. There is also a Society of Christian Endeavor, with the usual committees. Dr. Henry A. Stimson, the pastor of this flourishing church, is to be congratulated upon the splendid corps of Christian workers of which he is the efficient leader.

that more than zeal and plety are necessary to make a successful teacher. Along with these elements there must be a knowledge of child life and an application of common-sense methods in teaching. The New-York Sunday-school Association will hold a public meeting in the Calvary Baptis will hold a public meeting in the Calvary Baptist Church, in West Fifty-seventh-st., to-morrow evening, when this theme will be presented: "Results of Child Study, Helpful Sunday-school Teachers." Dr. Walter L. Hervey, the president of the Teachers' College, will deliver the address, and Miss Amanda Lang, of the Grammar School in East Fourteenth-st., will teach a class of scholars on the principle of "teaching by development." Professor C. P. Fagnani, of Union Seminary, has a normal class for superintendents and Sunday-school teachers on Friday evening in the West End Presbyterian Church.

the Evangelical Alliance which prepared notes for the pastors who were conducting Week of Prayer services. In the notes for Thursday, when "Fornote was given to guide the leader in his remarks upon the subject: "The Sultan has long desired to get rid of the missionaries. It is known that a cunning plan for their expulsion has been con-cocted. In the execution of this plan the Sultan will go as far as he dares. How far he will dare to go will depend on the Turkish policy of our Government. Should the missionaries be expelled, they could be reinstated only by force, which our Government would not use, and which the missionary societies would not desire to have used. Should such a calamity occur it might mark only the beginning of disasters to Protestant missions. China does not want our missionaries. With Russian influence, which is hostile to them, dominant there, and with the precedent of their expulsion from Turkey. China might drive them out. In that event it is quite within the range of possibility that the reaction now taking place in Japan might go so far as to lead that empire to follow the example of China and Turkey. If, therefore, the Sultan is emboldened by the attitude of this Government to take the step he is evidently contemplating, it may constitute the greatest crisis in the history of Christian missions." to go will depend on the Turkish policy of our Gov-

this week, with Dr. Chapman, of Philadelphia, as the principal speaker, although Dr. Dixon will preach on Monday and conduct the meetings through the week. Mr. Moody is drawing large audiences, as usual, in his Boston meetings. The press of that city, like that of New-York, is a great help to him, and is so recognized by the evangelist.

A DINNER AT LIEDERKRANZ HALL

CONTINUATION OF THE FESTIVITIES IN HONOR OF THE SOCIETY'S GOLDEN JUBILEE-THE SPEAKERS.

German Liederkranz's golden jubilee was held in the society's hall, in East Fifty-eighth-st., last evening. society's hall, in East Fifty-eignth-st., last evening.
It took the form of a dinner, at which 520 covers
were laid, and at which speeches were delivered by
Carl Schurz, Mayor Strong Consul-General A.
Feigel, Controller Fitch, Hubert Cillis, Dr. William
F. Mittendorf and Dr. Joseph H. Senner.

Julius Hoffmann, president of the society, after a greeting to the members, introduced Mr. Schurz, who replied to the toast of "The Tongue of Our Fatherland," and roused his compatriots to a great pitch of enthusiasm by his eloquent address.

Mayor Strong spoke of the influence of the German-American vote in the recent National Republican victory, and of the great part in it played by

dederkranz members. His toast was "The City of New-York." Other toasts were "In Memoriam to William Other toasts were "In Memoriam to William Steinway," responded to by the entire gathering rising and drinking to the memory of the dead member; "Our Country," Controller Fitch; "The Liederkranz," Hubert Cillis; "The Ladies," Dr. Nutlenderf, and "Our Guests," Dr. Senner.

Beside the speakers there sat at the head table L. D. Weyland, M. Warley Platzek, Charles Putzel,

Richard Sidenburg, Jacob W. Mack, William Vigel-ius, Edmund Wokieffer, Julius Lorenz, Edward Bennéche, Hugo Wesendonk, Dr. Charles Sellmann, Reinhard L. Hermann, Richard H. Adams, Agriol Reinhard L. Hermann, Richard H. Adams, Agridi Paur, the first director of the Liederkranz, who oc-cupled that place of honor from the year 1847 to 1879; F. A. Ringler, Arno Leonhard, Hermann Schaeffer, John W. Fleck and Heinrich Zöllner, the present director.

The Entertainment Committee consisted of Ralph Trautmann, G. Julius Hauser, Charles Bartens Hubert Cillis, Charles W. Kurtz, Henry Merz, Dr.

Hubert Cillis, Charles W. Kurtz, Henry Merz, Dr. W. F. Mittendorf, F. A. Ringler and Charles G. F. Wahle.
On the Reception Committee were Richard H. Adams, J. Carlsen, William Forster, Siegfried Gruner, Theodore Kauffeld, Adolf Kuttroff, M. J. Lissauer, Constantine Lucius, Dr. R. W. Müller, Charles Pfizenmayer, George F. Poggenburg, Henry F. Poggenburg, Oswald Ottendorfer, Carl Schurz, Edward Uhl, Emil Unger, William Vigelius and William Wicke.
The jubilee will end on Tuesday night, when a Commers will be held at Llederkranz Hall, and greetings will be extended to the society by the other German societies of the city.

A NEW BUILDING ASSURED.

THE PEABODY HOME HAS RAISED A CONSIDER-ABLE FUND.

Perhaps the most interesting feature of the Christmas festival at the Peabody Home for Aged and Indigent Women, and one which came as welcome news to the many patrons and friends of that institution, was the announcement that there was every prospect that the close of an-other year would find the Home in pleasanter and more commodious quarters. Over a year ago Mrs. H. R. Kunhardt offered to give \$5,000 toward the new structure, provided that \$15,000 could be raised from outside sources before January 1, 1897. At the festival last Tuesday the treasurer of the Hor J. Corlies Lawrence, announced that this provision of Mrs. Kunhardt's gift had been met, and that the building fund now amounted to something over \$20,000. This sum includes over \$5,000 from Mrs. A. R. Van Nest, \$2,000 from a woman whose name will not be made public, \$250 each from Mrs. Auchmuty, Mrs. Giraud Foster, Mrs. Gandrill, Miss C. P. Stokes, Miss O. P. Stokes and Dean Hoffman of

the General Theological Seminary.

The trustees expect to erect a new building at a cost of about \$25,000, and, while \$20,000 is not \$35,000. contributions are expected that will make it pos-sible to start the work early this spring. The site of the new structure will probably be that of the present Home-Boston Road and Clover-st., West Farms. The proposed widening of the Boston Road will cut considerable off the front of the property, but the home owns a lot of sufficient depth so that after the improvements have been made there will be plenty of room for the new building and its graduals.

and its grounds.

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Lot 4-Misses' Kid Button, also Goat and Patent Leather Spring Heels, sizes 11 to 2; value, \$2.50 to \$3.25 per pair; to close, \$1.25.

Lot 5-Children's Kid Button and Goat foxed sizes 7 to 101/2; nearly all widths; values \$2.00 and \$2.50; to close at \$1.00.

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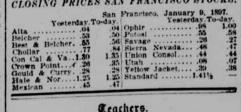
The new Home will accommodate fifty immates, while the present structure has room for only twenty-five. The limited accommodations in the present structure have made necessary a waiting list, which at present numbers over thirty, many of them thoroughly worthy, yet debarred on account of lack of room. While the institution is strictly non-sectarian and no respecter of individuals, it aims to have its inmates of a high class. It is a fact that two of the old women now in the Home formerly drove around the streets of this city in their private carriages.

The oldest woman now in the home is Mrs. Mary Ann Copetand. She came to the Home soon after its establishment, in 1874, when it was at the northeast corner of Lexington-ave, and Thirty-third-st. She is now in her ninety-first year, and, being totally blind, has to have constant attendance. The next oldest woman is Mrs. Ellen Mast, who is seventy-six years old, and the youngest inmate of the home is Mrs. Ellza Carroli, now in her seventieth year. Of the twenty-five inmates nineteen are widows.

There have been two deaths at the home in the last year. The resulting vacancies were filled from the waiting list by the selection of the Board of Lady Managers. An applicant for admission must be in perfect health and have suitable recommendations as to her good character and worthlness.

UNKNOWN MAN FIRES A HOUSE. Nellie Gibbons, who lives at No. 154 Vanderbilt-st., Windsor Terrace, Brooklyn, last night saw an un-known man wearing a heavy dark ulster and a black derby hat, force open the basement door of the house No. 150 Vanderbilt-st. Boon afterward flames were seen through the windows. Two young men of the neighborhood ran in and put out the fire, which had been kindled in bunches of newspapers soaked in kerosene. The house is owned by Charles W. Lindblatt, a bicycle dealer. Lindblatt caused some talk a few months ago because he accused a widow of Windsor Terrace of raising her skirts too high in crossing a muddy street. He was arrested on a charge of libel and fined \$20. were seen through the windows. Two young men

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